



General Assembly

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## ***Amendment***

LCO No. 6078



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To: House Joint Resolution No. 25      File No. 77      Cal. No. 397

### ***"RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLUE WATER NAVY VETERANS."***

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. WHEREAS by the Act of March 1, 1872, Congress  
4      established Yellowstone National Park in the Territories of Montana  
5      and Wyoming "as a public park...for the benefit and enjoyment of the  
6      people" and by the founding of Yellowstone National Park began a  
7      worldwide national park movement; and

8      WHEREAS, on August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed  
9      the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the  
10     Department of the Interior responsible for protecting the thirty-five  
11     national parks and monuments then managed by the department and  
12     those yet to be established; and

13     WHEREAS, today's national system of parks includes areas of  
14     historical as well as scenic and scientific importance; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Park System of the United States now  
16 comprises more than four hundred areas covering more than eighty-  
17 four million acres in fifty states, the District of Columbia, American  
18 Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands; and

19 WHEREAS, these areas are of such national significance as to justify  
20 special recognition and protection by Congress.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
22 General Assembly respectfully memorializes the Congress of the  
23 United States to propose an amendment to the United States  
24 Constitution, in accordance with Article V of said constitution, to  
25 protect the public's interest in our federal parks and natural and  
26 wildlife preserves and their economic, environmental, historic and  
27 cultural value through the permanent preservation of their habitats  
28 and wildlife; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and  
30 House cause copies of this resolution to be sent to each member of the  
31 Connecticut congressional delegation.

32 Sec. 502. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the  
33 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the  
34 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and  
35 purposes, become a part thereof:

36 Article third of the Constitution is amended by adding section 19 as  
37 follows:

38 Sec. 19. The General Assembly shall not enact any legislation  
39 requiring a state agency to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any  
40 real property or interest in real property that is in the custody or  
41 control of such agency to any person or entity other than another state  
42 agency unless 1. the general assembly has held a public hearing  
43 regarding such property or interest, and 2. the sale, transfer or  
44 disposition is required by an act of the general assembly that is limited  
45 in subject matter to provisions concerning such sale, transfer or

46 disposition and passed by a yea vote of at least two-thirds of the  
47 membership of each house.

48       RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
49 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
50 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and  
51 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
52 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016,  
53 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the  
54 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed  
55 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the  
56 Constitution of the State be amended to require a public hearing and a  
57 two-thirds vote of the General Assembly to authorize any sale, transfer  
58 or disposition of state-owned or state-controlled real property or  
59 interest in real property?"